



Every child, every opportunity, every time!

**Summer 2015 Recommended Reading List
Rising Tenth Grade
2015-2016**

Non-Fiction Books

DePrince, Michaela. *Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina*

From war-torn Sierra Leone Michaela DePrince is adopted by an American family. Now seventeen, she is one of the premiere ballerinas in the United States.

Earl, Esther. *This Star Won't Go Out: The Life and Words of Esther Grace Earl*

A memoir told through the journals, letters, and stories of young cancer patient, Esther Earl

Fleming, Candace. *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, & the Fall of Imperial Russia*

Details the history of Russia's last royal family, the Romanovs.

Gelletly, LeeAnne. *Modern-Day Pirates*

Examines maritime piracy in recent times with case studies and analysis, and describes who the pirates are, how they operate, and the steps being taken to stop them.

Jarrow, Gail. *Red Madness: How a Medical Mystery Changed What We Eat*

An account of the mysterious disease called pellagra that spread across the American South in the early 1900s that made people weak, disfigured, and insane and sometimes caused their deaths.

McPherson, Stephanie. *Arctic Thaw: Climate Change and the Global Race for Energy Resources*

Examines the controversies arising from the opportunities being created for energy resources in the Arctic, due to global warming.

Mitchell, Don. *The Freedom Summer Murders*

Learn about how the disappearance and murders of civil rights workers Mickey Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, and James Chaney would help bring about civil rights and social justice.

Nazario, Sonia. *Enrique's Journey: The True Story of a Boy Determined to Reunite with His Mother*

Documents the journey of a Honduran teen who braved hardship and peril to reunite with his mother after she was forced to leave him behind and seek migratory work in the United States.

Netzley, Patricia. *How Do Cell Phones Affect Health?*

Examines health issues related to cell phone use, and discusses cancer, the hazards of distraction, and threats to social and psychological well-being.

Perdew, Laura. *Internet Addiction*

Presents information on the issue of Internet addiction, focusing on gaming, communicating, shopping and gambling, and other topics.

Romero, Jordan. *No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits*

The story of Jordan Romero, who at the age of 13 became the youngest person ever to reach the summit of Mount Everest. At age 15, he reached the summits of the world's 7 highest mountains.

Sheinkin, Steve. *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights*

Describes the fifty black sailors who refused to work in unsafe and unfair conditions after an explosion in Port Chicago killed 320 servicemen, and how the incident influenced civil rights.

Fiction Books

Bacigalupi, Paolo. *The Doubt Factory*

When a radical band of teen activists claim that Alix's powerful father covers up wrongdoing, she must decide if she will blow the whistle on his misdeeds.

Giles, Gail. *Girls Like Us*

Graduating from their school's special education program, Quincy and Biddy are placed together in their first independent apartment and discover unexpected things.

Johnston, E. K. *The Story of Owen: Dragonslayer of Trondheim*

In an alternate world where industrialization has caused many species of carbon-eating dragons to thrive, Owen, a slayer and Siobahn, his bard, face a dragon infestation near their small town.

Kantor, Melissa. *Maybe One Day*

Zoe thought that being cut from her ballet program was the worst thing that could happen, until her best friend Olivia is diagnosed with a life-threatening disease.

Laybourne, Emmy. *Monument 14: Savage Drift (Monument 14 Series)*

Josie, separated from the group and trapped in a brutal prison camp for exposed Type Os, may lose hope unless Niko can rescue her.

Lockhart, E. *We Were Liars*

Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.

Lu, Marie. *The Young Elites*

Cast out by her family, Adelina joins the secret society of the Young Elites and discovers her own dangerous abilities.

Lucier, Makiia. *A Death-Struck Year*

When the Spanish influenza epidemic reaches Portland, Oregon, in 1918, seventeen-year-old Cleo leaves behind the comfort of her boarding school to work for the Red Cross.

Myers, Walter Dean. *On a Clear Day*

In 2035, Dahlia Grillo, a sixteen-year-old math whiz, joins with six other American teens traveling to England to meet with groups from around the world in hopes of stopping C8.

Salisbury, Graham. *Hunt for the Bamboo Rat*

Zenji Watanabe, seventeen, is sent from Hawaii to the Philippines to spy on the Japanese during World War II and, after he is captured and tortured, must find a way to survive months of being lost in the jungle behind enemy lines.

Sarn, Amelie. *I Love I Hate I Miss My Sister*

Portrait of two Muslim sisters, once closely bonded, but now on divergent paths as one embraces her religion and the other remains secular.

Shabazz, Ilyasah. *X: A Novel*

Cowritten by Malcolm X's daughter, this riveting and revealing novel follows the formative years of the man whose words and actions shook the world.